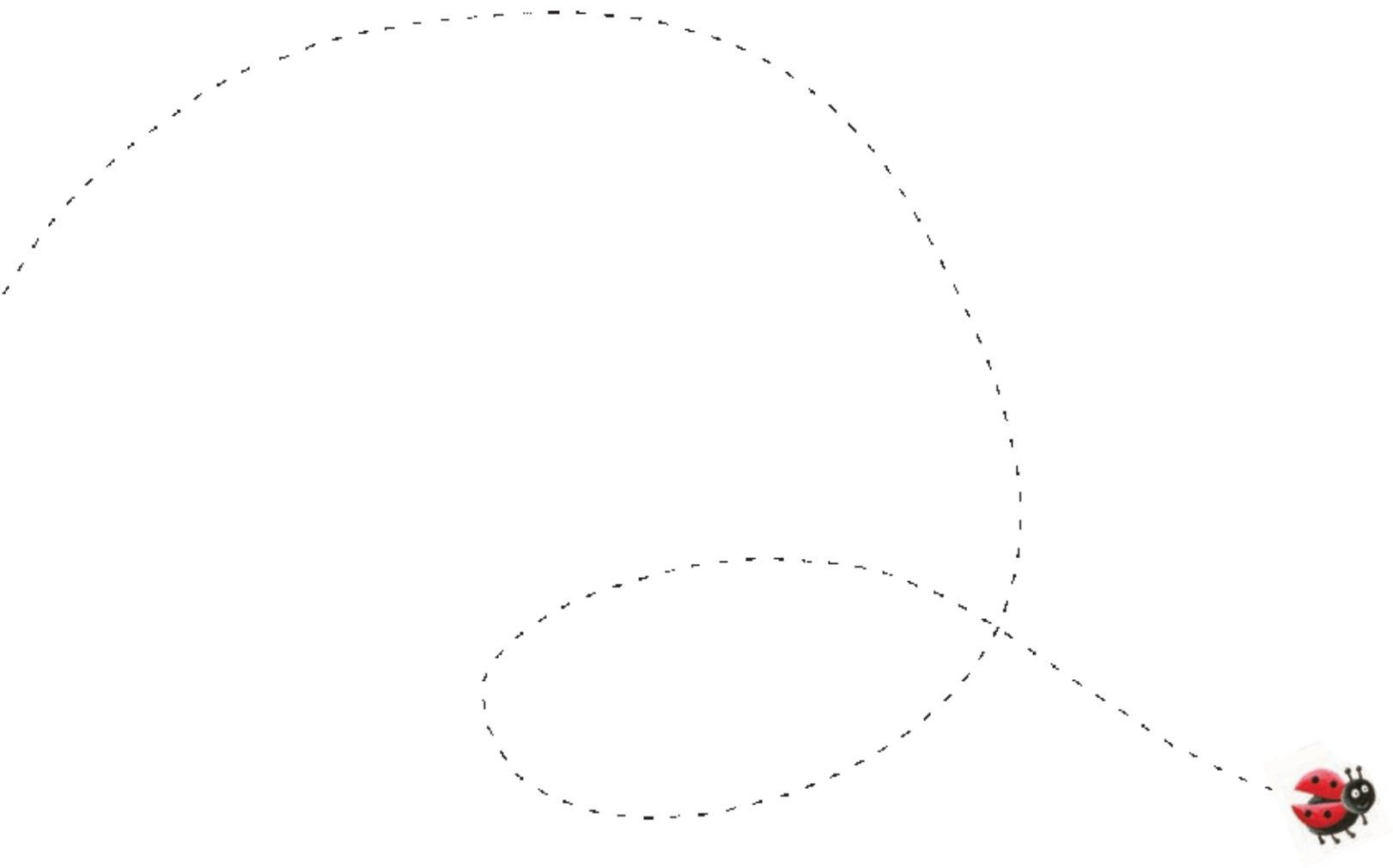


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A word to parents (and grandparents)

The following note from Kenneth N. Taylor was included in the first edition of this book. He is now in heaven, but the Big Thoughts he shares from Scripture are still relevant to today's kids.

Many years ago my little book *The Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes* was quietly introduced to Christian parents in America, and now there are a million copies in print in thirty languages around the world. My purpose was to help little children learn about the Bible and God.

This book, *Big Th ts for Little People*, has a different purpose. Its value is in teaching small children about Christian living—that is, how to be good! This is one of the great themes of the Bible, and it is very important for little children to be taught right from wrong (as well as simple courtesy and good manners).

A word about the wonderful artwork is in order. There are surprises in every picture. For instance, how many ladybugs can you and your child find on the cover? (I see four of them!) There are ladybugs hiding in each illustration. You'll also have fun finding all the objects on each page which begin with the theme letter.

The questions are a very important part of each lesson. Questions that are thought provoking but not hard to answer are of great importance in the learning process.

And please don't skip the Bible verses. Children will learn them easily, and they will stay in the mind and heart for life.

Kenneth N Taylor

a



A is for asking.
We ask when we pray.
God is happy to answer
And help us each day.

The children and their father are praying. Can you see them? It is bedtime, and they are talking to God. They are asking God to take care of them, and they are saying, "Thank you" for all the kind things God does for them. God wants us to talk with him. He wants to be our friend. We can pray anytime, wherever we are, because God always hears us.

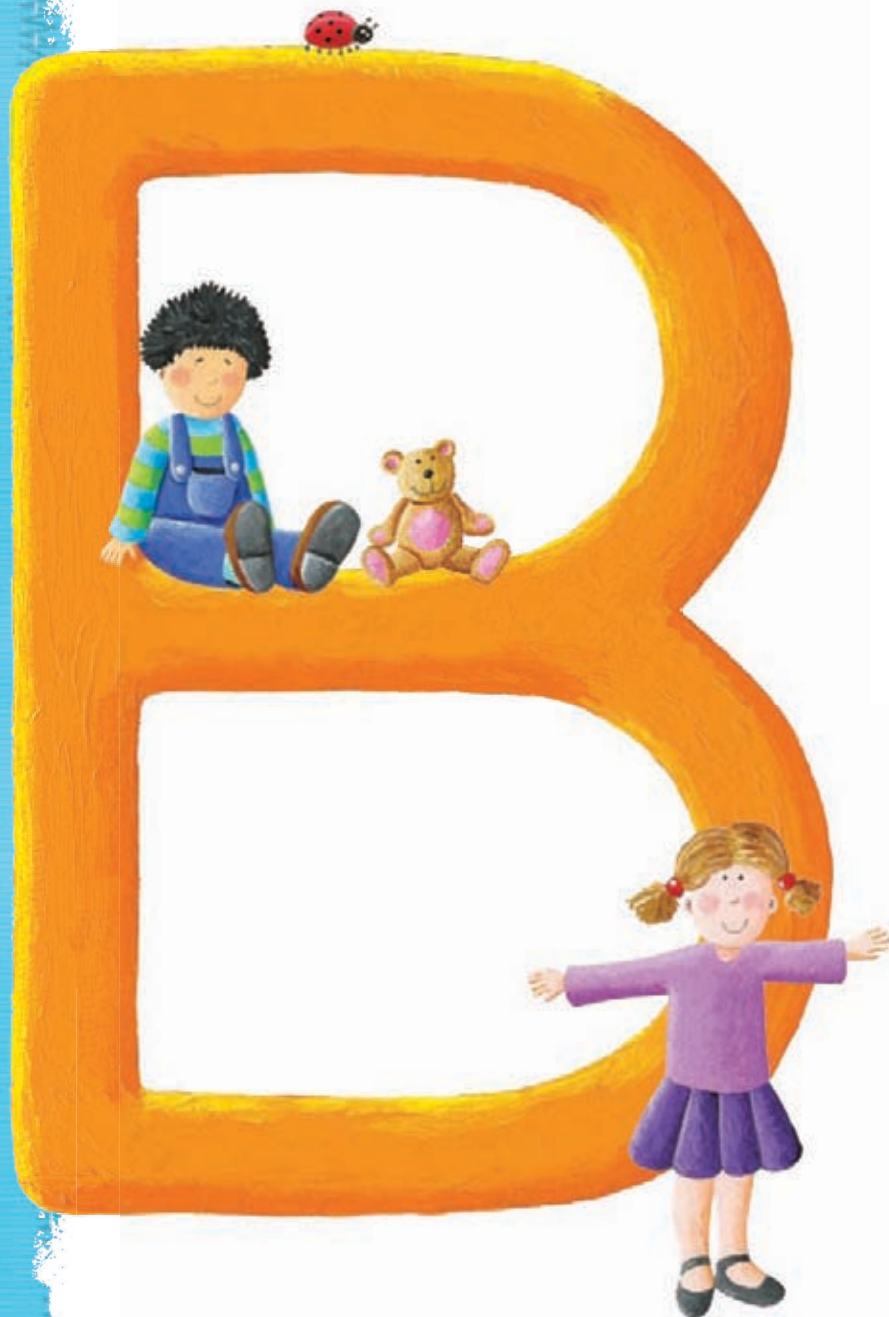
1. What are the boy and girl and their father doing?
2. If the bears could talk, what would they be thankful for?
3. What are some things you are thankful for? Let's pray now and tell God, "Thank you."

Tell God your needs and don't forget to thank him for his answers.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6



b



B is for behave.



It means doing what is right.
Be happy and helpful.
Do not argue or fight.

Do you know what "behave" means? It means doing what your parents ask you to do. It also means playing nicely with other children. In this picture some of the children and animals are behaving and some are not. Look at the girls fighting over an ice cream cone. I think the ice cream cone is going to fall to the ground. Then neither of the girls will have it. But the puppies know better. They are sharing.

1. Are the little girls behaving? What are they doing?
2. Point to the puppies. Are they behaving?
3. What are the children at the table doing?

[Jesus said,] "If you love me, obey me."

JOHN 14:15



C



C is for crying.
It hurts when you fall,
But please do not cry
About nothing at all.

Can you see what happened to the boy and girl on the bicycles? They bumped into each other, and the girl has fallen off. Ouch! That hurts. Perhaps she bumped her head. I think she's crying. What would you do if you fell off? Would you cry? It's all right to cry if you're hurt. Crying will help you feel better. But if you're not really hurt, try to smile. Smiling will also help you feel better.

1. Why is the girl crying?
2. Is it all right to cry if you're hurt?
3. Should you cry every time you get a little bump?

A cheerful heart does good like medicine.

PROVERBS 17:22





d



D is for doing
What needs to be done.
So please do it cheerfully.
Then you'll have fun.

All these children are doing nice things to help each other. One boy is helping the teacher wash the dishes. He must be careful not to drop and break them. One of the girls is helping by watering the flowers. One of the boys is pulling a girl and her stuffed doggie and bunny in the wagon. We should treat others just as we want them to treat us. God is happy when we do helpful and kind things for one another.

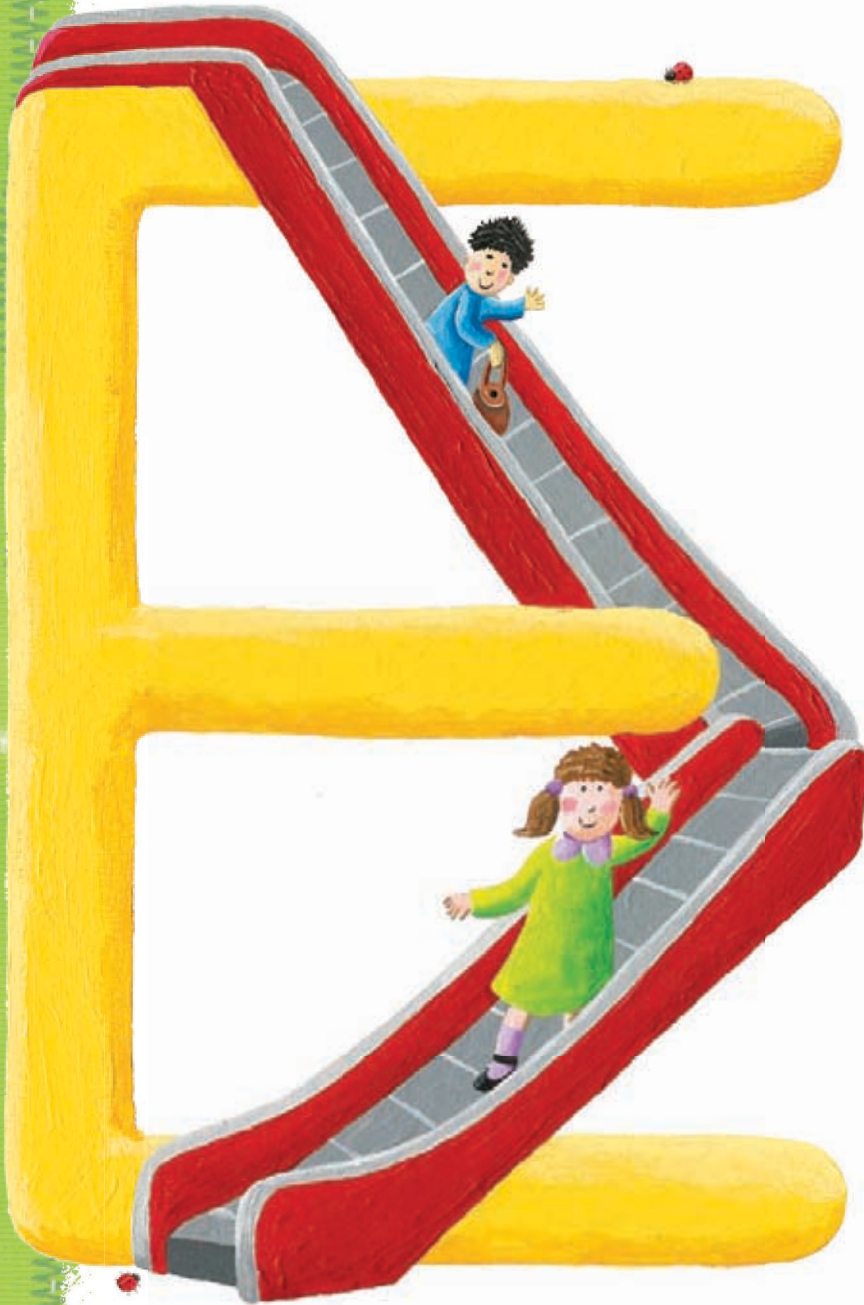
1. What is the duck doing?
2. What are some good things the children are doing? Tell about each one.
3. What kind thing could you do to help someone?

Do for others what you want them to do for you.

MATTHEW 7:12



e



E is for everyone.
God loves us all,
The black and the white,
And the short and the tall.

Everyone in the world is special to God. We are all different, but he loves all of us. There are many colors of hair and many colors of skin. Some children are tall, some are short. Some weigh a lot, and some weigh just a little. In some countries, children live in houses or apartments made of wood or stone. In other countries, the children live in houses made of straw or bamboo. Do you see all of the different children playing together in the picture? God loves each one of them.

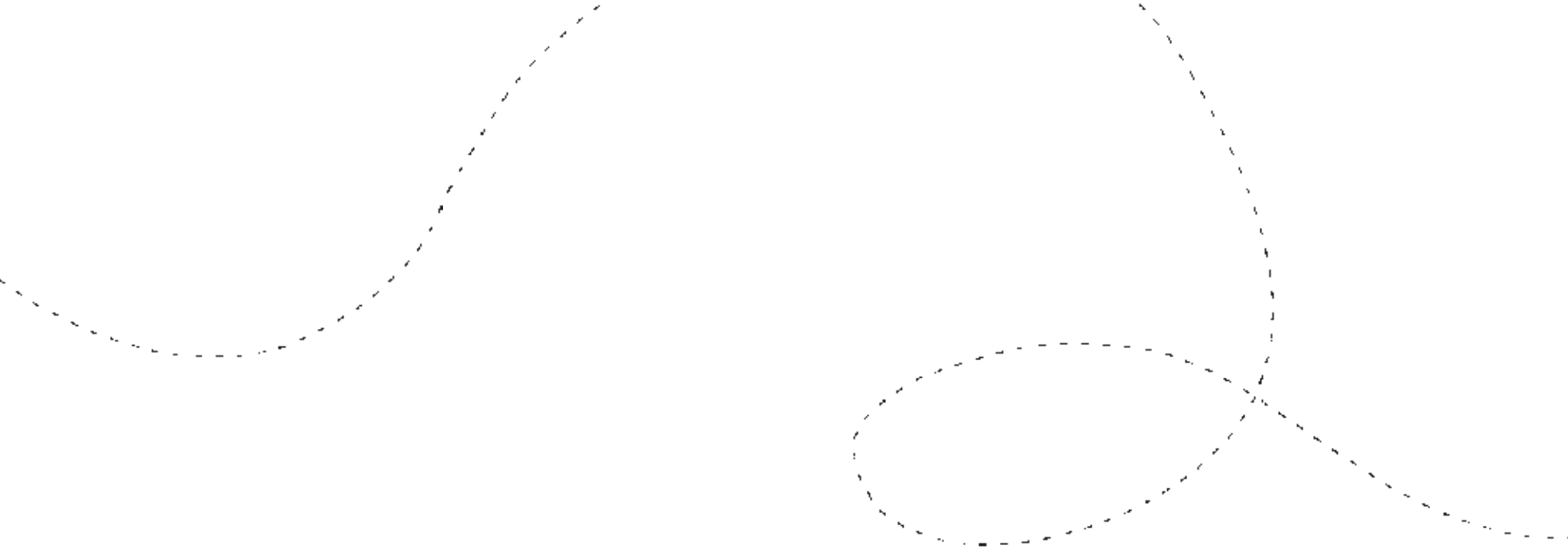
1. What color is your hair?
2. Find the boy driving the electric train. What color is his hair?
3. Does God love all the children? Does God love you?

See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for he allows us to be called his children.

1 JOHN 3:1









About the Author

Kenneth N. Taylor is best known as the translator of *The Living Bible*, but his first renown was as a writer of children's books. Ken and his wife, Margaret, had ten children, and his early books were written for use in the family's daily devotions. The manuscripts were ready for publication only when they passed the scrutiny of those ten young critics! Those books, which have now been read to four generations of children around the world, include *The Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes* (Moody Press), *Stories for the Children's Hour* (Moody Press), and *Taylor's Bible Story Book* (Tyndale House). Now the Taylor children are all grown, so *Big Thoughts for Little People* was written with the numerous grandchildren in mind.

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